

REMARKS

Claims 27-54 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claims 27 is amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

The Office action rejects Claims 27-36 under 35 U.S.C. 101 asserting that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter because the process is not tied to another statutory class or transform underlying subject matter to a different state or thing. The rejection is traversed.

By this Amendment, each step of independent Claim 27 is amended to tie the method steps to another statutory class, namely, a processor of a computing device. As agreed during the March 9, 2012 telephone conference with Ex. Borlinghaus, such an amendment defines statutory subject matter under *Bilski*.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 27 defines statutory subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Borlinghaus believe anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 07-0868 in the name of General Electric Company.

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